(c) and (d) According to information collected by Council for Leather Exports, it is expected that an investment of US $ 50 million during the current year will be made by foreign investors and it is likely to go up to US $ 100 million next year. About 50 companies have shown interest for going in for joint ventures.

(e) On the basis of reports received from participants, business worth Rs. 91 crores was finalised at the fair. An additional Rs. 201 crores worth of business was under negotiation.

Recasting of ESI Scheme

*373. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Business Standard of 2nd February, 1993 captioned "Labour Ministers urge centre to recast ESI";

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what are the details of the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon together with the present status in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The State Labour Ministers' Conference which had met on August 13, 1992 and which inter alia was to discuss matters relating to health cover for workers took a decision to go into the operation of the ESI Scheme in an exclusive conference of State Labour Ministers to be held in Bombay. Based on the recommendations of this Conference further action would be taken.

374.[*Transferred to the 18th March,* 1993]

Export of High Grade Minerals

*375. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantum of high grade bauxite, iron and manganese ore being exported annually;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to stop the export of these items; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) The total quantum of high grade bauxite, iron ore and manganese ore exported during the last three years has been as under :—

(Qty. : in lakh tons)

Year	Iron ore (Fe +65%)	Bauxite (A. 1203 +54%)	Manganese ore (Mn +46%)
1990-91	122.17	—	—
1991-92	122.51	—	—
1992-93 (Apr. '92-Feb. '93) (Prov.)	87.46	0.11	—

(b) and (c) Exports of high grade bauxite, iron ore and manganese ore are regulated through canalisation/export licensing, keeping in view the surplus available after meeting the domestic requirements, conservation angle and the

policy of encouraging export of processed value added items instead of raw materials.

Delay in completion of coal projects due to rehabilitation problems

*376. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that work on the coal projects is not being completed as per schedule due to rehabilitation problems;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the projects which have been affected by these problems and could not be completed as per schedule; and

(d) what efforts have been made by Government at Central level to resolve this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Some major on-going coal projects have suffered time overrun due to problems associated with the rehabilitation of persons whose lands have been acquired. These projects are :—

1. Block-II Opencast (Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.).
2. Sonepur Bazari 'A' Opencast (Eastern Coalfields Ltd.).
3. Kottadih Opencast (Eastern Coalfields Ltd.).
4. Jambad Opencast (Eastern Coalfields Ltd.).
5. Khadia Opencast (Northern Coalfields Ltd.).
6. Ramagundam Opencast-III (Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.).

(d) A rehabilitation package for land losers in Sonepur Bazari 'A' Opencast project (West Bengal) was formulated and guidelines in this regard were circulated to Coal India Ltd. for implementation in May 1990. This package of rehabilitation was subsequently extended in October 1990 to cover all projects having problems of rehabilitation of displaced persons.

Changes in Value Addition Norms

*377. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of recommendations of the Committee constituted by Government to suggest changes in the Value Addition Norms of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units;

(b) what are the details of strategies and methods evolved by Government to achieve the export target fixed for the current year at $ 20.1 billion which envisages a growth of 12.8 per cent over the previous year;

(c) whether Government are considering the suggestion of Industry for the appointment of a Standing Committee of the Ministries of Commerce and Finance to look into the problems on the export front; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The main recommendation of this Committee is the revision of the Value Addition formula on net foreign exchange basis in which, cost of capital goods for large projects is proposed to be amortized over a period of seven years. Other recommendations include a standard value addition norm for all industries and the export turnover criterion for prospective EOU/EPZ units being expressed in US Dollars.

(b) The short term action plan for imparting the requisite export momentum includes measures for streamlining of policies and procedures as also suggestions on macro-economic policy issues.